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New Bridge Schoolhouse
New Bridge
private

c. 1860-1870

Robert A. Evans sold to the Cecil County school commissioners in Nov. 1860, "... all that property on the east side of public road leading from Joseph T. Reynolds' mill to the old Octoraro Forge... for a schoolhouse to be erected thereon for the use of the public school in the 6th election district..."(WHR 4/38) The New Bridge schoolhouse was presumably built soon after on a high fieldstone foundation. The rectangular frame was undoubtedly raised to a higher level due to uncertain annual flooding of the nearby Octoraro.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

New Bridge Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Octorara Creek - north of New Bridge

CITY, TOWN

Grants New Bridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: none

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Boy Scouts of America

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

An abandoned schoolhouse c.1865 is located on the east side of the Octorara Creek at a crossing called New Bridge. The structure is now owned by the Boy Scouts and remains empty.

The building is rectangular with the main facade, a gable end facing the creek. The first floor is elevated on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation. The frame structure is 3 bays across by one large room deep. The building is sheathed with novelty siding and covered with a tin roof. The main facade has a double door main entrance with a louvered octagonal ventilator overhead. The eaves are extended and left exposed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of many schoolhouses remaining in the Conowingo area. The basic exterior is intact with out many alterations, however, the building is subject to vandalism due to its disuse and relative isolation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Towart, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

9/29/78

TELEPHONE

398-7568

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



6TH DISTRICT

No. 8 - The New Bridge school was in a secluded spot on Horseshoe road off U. S. 1 two miles north of Mace's Building Supply store, and just beyond the bridge on New Bridge road to Rock Springs.

It is a well preserved frame building about 30' x 45' with three shuttered windows on each side and a flight of eight concrete steps to the front door, which faces the Octoraro Creek across the road.

The building was sold to G. C. Delp on April 12, 1938, for \$451, and was standing vacant on June 8, 1970.

Still sits the school-house by the road,
A ragged beggar sleeping;
Around it still the sumacs grow,
And blackberry vines are creeping.

Within, the master's desk is seen,
Deep scarred by raps official;
The warping floor, the battered seats,
The jack knife's carved initial.

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RRC 16/97

Frank L. Foots & Sara Foots
To
Willard Mace

3/1/1946

WFB 27/261

Effie K. Evans & James F. Evans
To

12/14/1942

Frank L. Foots & Thomas K. Hankins
Conveyed to Frank L Foots By
Thomas K. Hankins 2/24/1944 RRC 3/513
A part of the same land...

JAD 23/296

John P. Evans
To (Son)

10/12/1878

James H. Evans
Will of James Evans - Sept. 10, 1942
194 Acres

AWM 7/213

Wm. S. Evans, Trustee 10/6/1877
To

John P. Evans
Decree of Circuit Court 10/5/1876
Isabel Evans Complainant
James M. Evans Defendants (SEE ADVERTISEMENT)

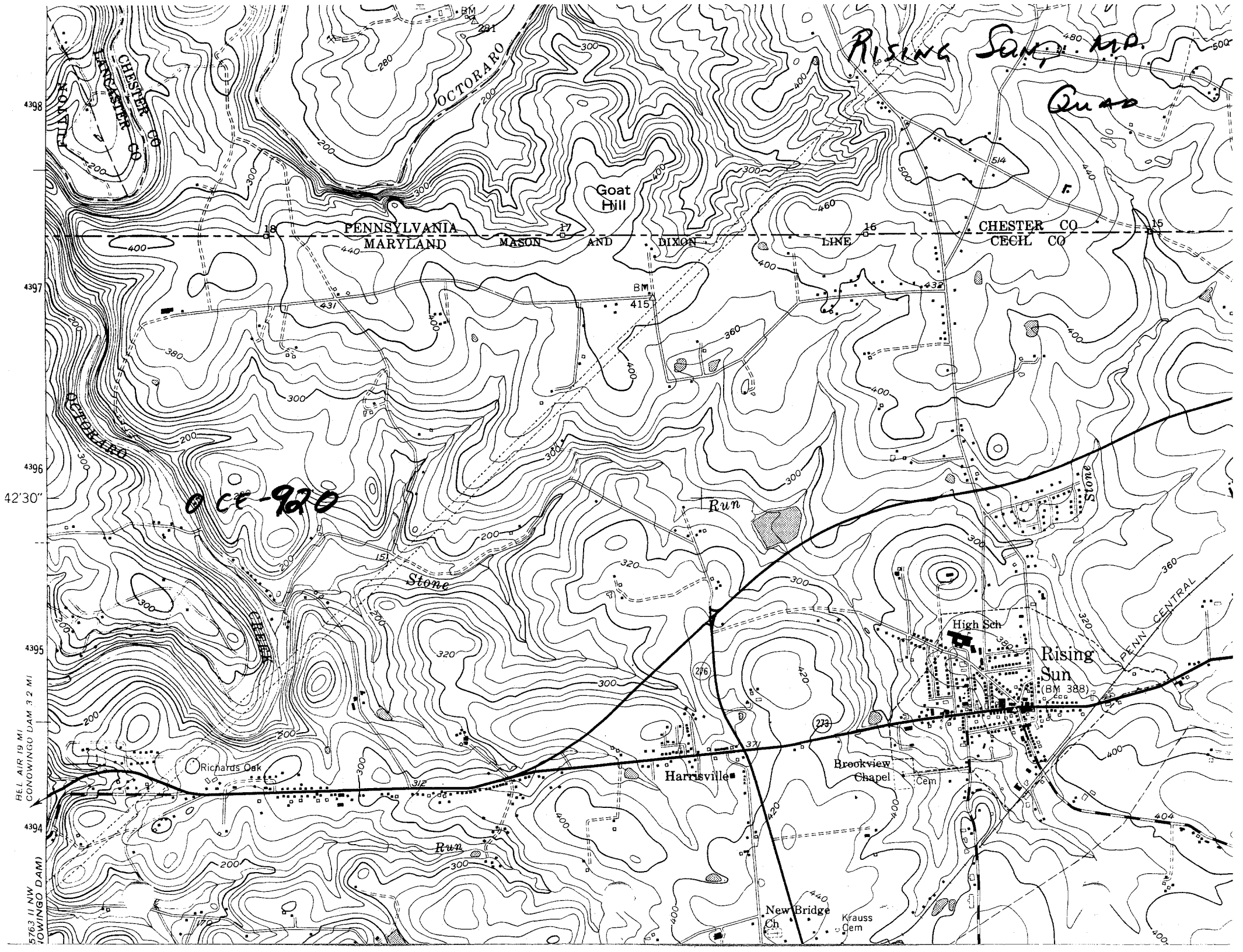
AWM 4/39

No. 680 Chancery Docket 3/115
Being the same land whereof Robert A. Evans
died seized containing 194 acres \$10,000.00

JS 20/243

Robert A. Evans acquired property from his
father Robert Evans on 12/14/1821

School Commissioners - WHR 4/38
Nov. 29, 1860 - East side of Public
Road leading from Jos. T. Reynold's Mill
to the old Octoraro Forge... for a school house to
be erected thereon for the use of the Public
School in the Sixth District.





NEW BRIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE

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WESTERN ELEVATION

NEW BRIDGE, MD. (EAST SIDE OF OCTOPUS)